

Communist nut, Ezra Pound?"  
One of them asked. Another editor,  
Jay du Von, obtained a post

In the State Department (Jerre  
Mangione told me) by telling  
The F.B.I. the names of all people

He knew who were communists.  
In nineteen-seventy-three another  
Editor, Herbert Klein, at the

Strand Palace Hotel in London  
(Opposite the Savoy where my  
Father had written that last letter

To my mother in Montana) told me  
Redfield had disappeared. It was  
Thought he had drowned himself

In the East River. I told Edie  
I would try to get her into  
Posterity for the long haul together.

#### AFTER THE REAL JAZZ WENT TO CHINATOWN

Whether I am Li Po  
And Liam is Tu Fu

Or conversely I  
Am Tu Fu and Liam

Is Li Po, I am  
Uncertain. This is

An identity crisis  
That has given Arthur

Waley and Witter Bynner  
Nervous breakdowns --

And I must confess  
The Wang Wang Blues

Has taken me away  
To a Giant Panda China

That Ezra Pound had  
Never discovered



Before the stars went  
On strike and Satchmo

Romped to Chinatown  
And all lights went out.

-- Norman Macleod

Greenville NC

#### OKRA AND COATHANGERS

Neglect the okra just two days --  
dozens grown too big to eat,  
long, ribbed, tough, full of seed.

Wear long sleeves when harvesting --  
the leaves and stalks will eat your arms  
alive, haired with needles.

But no need to get angry --  
any more than at coathangers,  
it's in their nature to tangle.

#### PLUMBING

It is a half-inch union  
with three-quarters of the flange  
on the female end snapped off by ice.

I had to go to town to replace it  
in order to get up enough pressure  
to find out an elbow was ruptured.

broad sun at dead noon  
twenty bright stadium lights  
contest of power